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Notes of conversation with the
Hon'ble Mr. W.P. Barton on 2nd April 1922.

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1. The Resident referred to the last letter of the Madras Government regarding the Cauvery dispute, and said that in his opinion the Mysore Government would do well to agree to the proposal put forward by the Madras Government, which so far as he was able to understand it, was a reasonable one.

I replied that I had not studied the case, and was not, therefore, in a position to say anything about it.

2. He next referred to the proposal to start a new First Grade College in the C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

He admitted that from the Mysore University's standpoint, it would be better that the College should be affiliated to that University, than to the Madras University, but the real difficulty, he said, lay in the fact that the Eurosians and Anglo-Indians of the C & M. Station would not consent to affiliation with the Mysore University, and would naturally prefer the Madras University, whose degrees possessed a better market-value. I said that Mr. Barton had only to tell these people that it would do no harm to them to come under

the Mysore University, and if necessary representatives of St. Joseph's College, and a few leaders of the C & M. Station might be summoned to a conference with the Vice-Chancellor of the Mysore University, and other representatives of the Mysore Government, and the whole question considered by them in all its aspects. He seemed to like the suggestion. I said that if Mysore is willing to appoint on the recommendation of the Resident, a representative of the College on the University Council, and one or two from the College and the C & M. Station on the University Senate, the people of the C & M. Station would be benefited to a greater extent by being brought under the Mysore University, than by remaining under an unwieldy and distant University like that of Madras.

Why should there be any objection at all on the part of the Eurasians and Anglo-Indians ? If it is only on the ground that the University is a young one, the same argument would apply in the case of half-a-dozen other Universities which are even younger and which have already sprung up or are coming into existence in various parts of India.

3. The Resident next referred to our last letter regarding the Grass Farm, and characterised it as a most irritating

and undiplomatic communication, which he thought the Durbar was not well-advised in addressing to the Residency.

I assured him that there was no intention of causing him any irritation, that we only wished to make the position perfectly clear to him, and that we were as anxious as himself to live in close friendship and amity with the Residency.

He said, with reference to the C & M. Station Surplus that, it was impossible to give 4 lakhs a year out of the Surplus, seeing that the Surplus itself was a dwindling factor, nor would it be, he declared, fair for the Durbar to claim, as they are doing, the whole of the accumulated arrears. The most equitable arrangement, he thought, would be to pay to the Durbar a moiety of the actual surplus subject to revision every 5 years, and subject further to the understanding that the requirements of the C & M. Station, as determined by themselves, should first be fully met.

I said that the Durbar can only ask the Government of India to continue negotiations on the basis already mutually agreed upon and not to re-open the whole question.

He hinted that a reduction of 10½ lakhs in the Subsidy might be expected but it was conditional on a satisfactory

settlement of the Surplus question.

Mysore,
3rd April 1922.

Ag. Private Secretary.